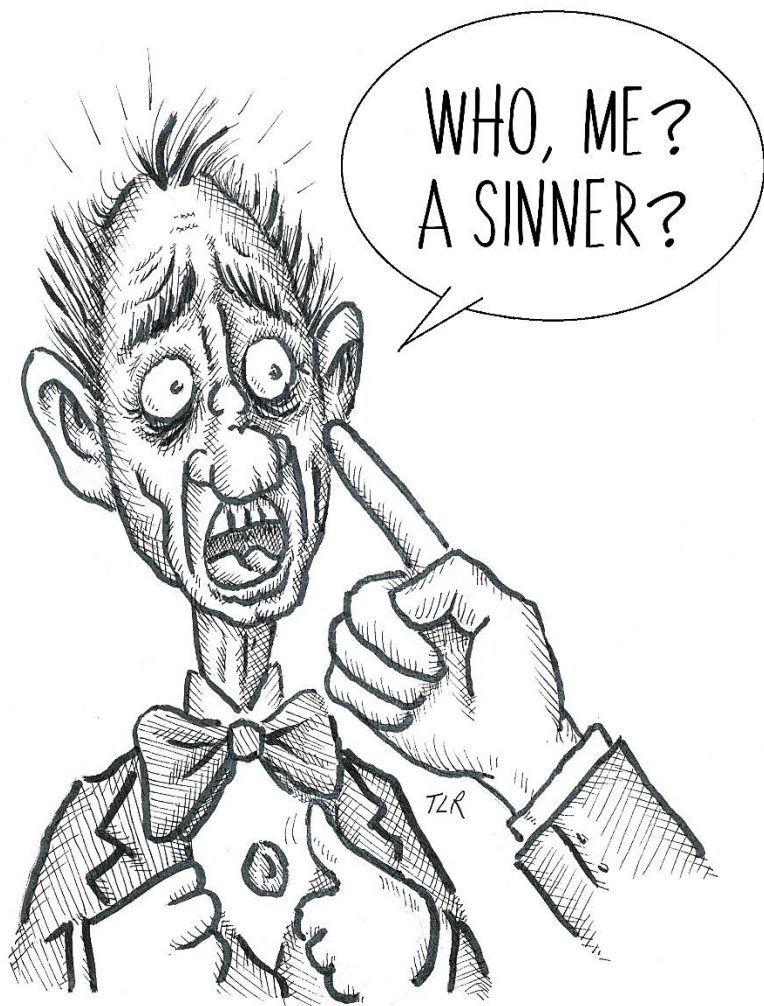


Evangelism Explosion Series: Sharing the Gospel with Clarity

It's about **MAN**...

...and it's about **SIN**



"...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"—Rom. 3:23

VALLEY GRACE BROTHERS CHURCH OF ARMAGH, PA
JUNE 16TH, AD 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

The Sixteenth Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord* 2024

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our exciting and illuminating studies in Church History, looking at historic debates over the nature of God.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:* *“Glory be the Father”* (#559).

Invocation.*

Hymn: *“Love Lifted Me”* (#308).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Romans 3:9-23.

Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* (#279).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“Amazing Grace”* (#200).

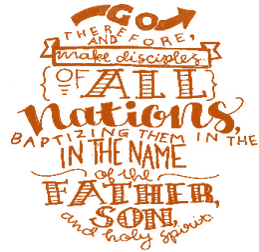
Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“AND YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES”* (Pt. IV: Man & Sin).

Closing Hymn:* *“I Need Thee Every Hour”* (#431).

Benediction.*



Week of June 9 – June 15

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—14;

Midweek—4; Offering—\$1,174.⁰⁰;

“BAD THEOLOGY” Video—Total: 53 views

MIDWEEK PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY: 6:30 PM

The *Evangelism Explosion* method of sharing the Gospel: This Week's Focus: MAN & SIN!

Last week's focus: Salvation is a matter of **GRACE**; Heaven is not deserved by anybody and cannot be earned or merited (Eph. 2:8-9). It can only be received as a free gift (Rom. 6:23).
(Recall the *Hitchhiker's Thumb* in the "Gospel Hand"—a FREE RIDE!)

"But... WHY is it impossible for us to earn Heaven?"

ANSWER: "GOD SAYS THAT MAN IS A SINNER!!!"

Rom. 3:23: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"
Isa. 53:6a: "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned, each of us"

NOTE: Unbelievers do not appreciate the gravity of this!

Stress the universality of the above passages; the people you're sharing the Gospel with are sinners—and everyone is in the same boat! **GOD Himself says so**—regardless of whether or not the person "*feels*" like a sinner! **Remember**, the Bible is your basis of authority and is laden with POWER (Heb. 4:12); you MUST reference Scripture (Rom. 10:17, 1Pet. 1:23, Deut. 32:47)!

Q. "BUT...what IS sin?"

A. *"Sin is the failure to conform to God's perfect standards."*
Hamartia (Gk.): to "miss the mark;" denotes every departure from righteousness.

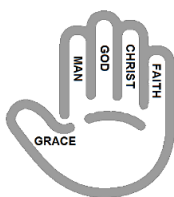
SIN DEFINED: The BIBLE says that sin is...

- Anything we DO that God has forbidden: i.e., rebellion (1Jn3:4).
- Anything we FAIL TO DO which God commands: James 4:17.
 - Sin thus involves both acts of commission & omission.
- Any EVIL THOUGHT: (Gen.6:5-6; Prov.24:9; Matt.5:21-22, 27-28).

GOD says even ONE sin makes you a **SINNER**: James 2:10!
WHAT is God's inflexible moral standard & demand? Matt. 5:48!

THUS, Man cannot save himself!

NOTE: This goes against the grain of human nature & wisdom (e.g., other world religions teach salvation by good works)—but **Prov. 14:12**!



In our "Gospel Hand" memory-aid, the accusing INDEX FINGER ("pointer") reminds us of SINFUL HUMANITY. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23)!

YES! VBS **AT VALLEY GRACE** **BRETHREN IS BACK!**



JULY 8th-thru-12th

And **YES**, once again the cheerful & lively crew from the **Child Evangelism Fellowship** will be on board to help with our VBS!!!

Our theme this year: "ONE WAY"



**Snacks, Games, Songs,
Exciting Bible Teaching!!!**

Times: 12:30 to 2:00 PM

ALL children from pre-K thru elementary school age welcome!

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